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1. (U) Classified by Charge Thomas E. Williams for reasons 1.5 (b,d).

12. (C) The UAEG is prepared to begin deploying a brigade-plus military force to Kuwait by as early as February 16, but is waiting for clearance from the GOK with regard to acceptance of forces and basing/logistical arrangements. Aides to de facto Defense Minister Shaykh Muhammad bin Zayid Al-Nahyan (MBZ) separately briefed Ambassador and Polchief on the forces the UAE is prepared to deploy. These include:

-- Two squadrons of Apache attack helicopters (12 aircraft);

-- One battalion of artillery;

-- One tank battalion;

-- Two battalions of BMP-3 armored personnel carriers;

-- Two missile patrol boats;

-- One chemical warfare decontamination company; and,

-- One Electronic Warfare company.

13. (C) Comment: Having successfully lobbied the GOK to invoke the GCC mutual defense agreement in order to secure deployment of Peninsula Shield forces to Kuwait (see reftel), it is clear that the UAE wants to respond promptly and fully to Kuwait's request. UAEG officials say they believe Saudi Arabia has also agreed to deploy forces, but had no further details on composition of the Saudi contribution; they did suggest, however, that it would likely take "some time" before Saudi forces would be prepared to deploy.

Williams